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1. THERE FOLLOW DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS
FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
BRUSSELS.

2. DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT. BEGIN TEXT: IT IS A
PLEASURE TO RETURN TO BRUSSELS SO SOON AFTER MY VISIT
HERE LAST DECEMBER FOR THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING.
I WISH THAT MY SCHEDULE PERMITTED A LONGER STAY, FOR
BRUSSELS -- WHICH IS ASSUMING SO LARGE A ROLE IN INTER-
NATIONAL AFFAIRS -- ALWAYS OFFERS NOT ONLY WARM HOSPITALITY
BUT STIMULATING PERSPECTIVES.

THE PURPOSE OF MY BRIEF STOP IS PRINCIPALLY TO INFORM
THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF THE RESULTS OF MY DIS-
CUSSIONS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
OUR DISCUSSIONS IN THE COUNCIL MAY ALSO ADDRESS OTHER
MATTERS OF CURRENT COMMON CONCERN.

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I REGARD MY MEETING WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AS

A CONTINUATION OF THE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE HELD WITH OUR ALLIES HERE, IN WASHINGTON, AND IN OTHER ALLIED CAPITALS ON DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES.

IT IS IN THE COMMON INTEREST TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS

OF TRANS-ATLANTIC CONSULTATION, AND WE MADE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THIS AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING LAST DECEMBER. NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE FIND THEMSELVES AGAIN AT A MOMENT OF GREAT PROMISE AND EVIDENT DIFFICULTY. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN FRANK AND ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS, AS WE SEEK TO DEFINE THE PRESENT CHALLENGES AND TO ELABORATE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS.

3. DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT. BEGIN TEXT.

I LEAVE BRUSSELS AFTER A VERY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENTS. IN PARTICULAR, THE MEETING GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE COUNCIL ON MY DISCUSSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT I WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME FRESH INSIGHTS INTO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS THERE. IN TURN, I HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE VIEWS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, MR. LUNS, AND OF THE PERMREPS WHO ARE SO IMPORTANT TO THE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF THE ALLIANCE.

CONSULTATIONS, LIKE THOSE WE HAVE JUST HELD HERE, ON PROBLEMS THAT ARISE OUTSIDE THE TREATY AREA BUT THAT AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL ALLIED COUNTRIES ARE, I BELIEVE, OF GREAT VALUE. THEIR PURPOSE, OF COURSE, IS NOT TO ELABORATE JOINT POSITIONS BUT TO INCREASE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THIS MEETING HAS HELPED TO ACHIEVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE AND TO STRENGTHEN THIS PROCESS OF FRANK EXCHANGES, IN NATO AND IN CAPITALS, ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO US ALL. END TEXT CASEY

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